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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

#### FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAII

WAYNE BERRY, Hawaii citizen,  Plaintiff,	Civil No. CV03-00385 SOM/LEK (Copyright)
vs.  HAWAIIAN EXPRESS SERVICE, INC., a California corporation, et al.,  Defendants.	DEFENDANT ALIXPARTNERS, LLC'S  MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF BILL  OF COSTS; AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN T.  KOMEIJI; EXHIBITS "A" - "B";  CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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# DEFENDANT ALIXPARTNERS, LLC'S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF BILL OF COSTS

Defendant ALIXPARTNERS, LLC ("ALIXPARTNERS"), by and through its attorneys, SHELDON S. TOLL PLLC and WATANABE ING &  $\,$ 



KOMEIJI LLP, and hereby submits its memorandum in support of the Bill of Costs, and the Bill of Costs which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". This Memorandum is submitted pursuant to Local Rule 54.2 of the Rules of the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii, and is supported by the Memorandum in Support of Bill of Costs, Affidavit of John T. Komeiji, Exhibit "A" attached hereto, and the entire record and files herein.

## I. GROUNDS SUPPORTING REQUEST FOR BILL OF COSTS

- On April 20, 2005, Plaintiff WAYNE BERRY
   ("Plaintiff") filed a Motion for Summary Judgment Against All
   Defendants including ALIXPARTNERS.
- 2. In response to Plaintiff's summary judgment motion, ALIXPARTNERS filed a Countermotion For Summary Judgment As to All Claims of Plaintiff on June 2, 2005 ("Countermotion") seeking summary judgment against Plaintiff on all claims of Plaintiff.
- 3. Plaintiff filed an opposition to ALIXPARNTERS' Countermotion on June 9, 2005.
  - 4. ALIXPARTNERS filed its reply on June 14, 2005.
- 5. By Order of this Court filed on June 17, 2005, Plaintiff's summary judgment motion was denied as it pertained to ALIXPARTNERS, and ALIXPARTNERS' Countermotion was granted, disposing of all claims against ALIXPARTNERS. See Order Denying Berry's Motion for Summary Judgment Against AlixPartners; Order

Granting AlixPartners' Countermotion for Summary judgment filed on June 17, 2005 ("6/17/05 Order") at 1.1

- 6. Judgment on the jury verdict was entered on March 9, 2006.
- 7. An Amended Judgment in a Civil Case was entered on March 16, 2006 as to, among other things, this Court's 6/17/05 Order.
- 8. A Second Amended Judgment in a Civil Case was also entered on March 16, 2006.

#### II. AUTHORITIES SUPPORTING REQUEST FOR BILL OF COSTS

Under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure ("FRCP") Rule 54(d)(1), "there is a **presumption** that the prevailing party will be awarded its taxable costs." See Dawson v. City of Seattle, 435 F.3d 1054, 1070 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2006) (citing Save Our Valley v. Sound Transit, 335 F.3d 932, 944 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2003)) (emphasis added). Rule 54(d)(1) provides:

(1) Costs Other than Attorneys' Fees. Except when express provision therefor is made either in a statute of the United States or in these rules, costs other than attorneys' fees shall be allowed as of course to the prevailing party unless the court otherwise directs; but costs against the United States, its officers, and agencies shall be imposed only to the extent permitted by law. Such costs may be taxed by the clerk on one day's notice. On motion served within 5 days

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> To avoid waste and unnecessary burden upon this Court, documents previously filed as part of the record are not attached hereto. Defendants would gladly provide any needed copies at the Court's request.

thereafter, the action of the clerk may be reviewed by the court.

See Fed. R. Civ. P. 54(d)(1) (emphasis added). ALIXPARTNERS, having prevailed on its Countermotion as to all of Plaintiff's claims, is clearly the prevailing party here. See e.g., Dawson (Defendants are considered the "prevailing parties" after Plaintiffs' suits were dismissed by summary judgment).

Costs taxed pursuant to Rule 54(d)(1) include those defined in 28 U.S.C. § 1920.<sup>2</sup> ALIXPARTNERS has incurred \$2,000.01 in recoverable costs throughout this litigation as evidenced by the Bill of Costs attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and the supporting documentation attached hereto as Exhibit "B". There being no reason to deny ALIXPARTNERS the recovery of the costs identified in its Bill of Costs, ALIXPARTNERS respectfully submits that an award of costs is appropriate here "as a matter of course." See Dawson, 435 F.3d at 1070.

Taxation of costs. A judge or clerk of any court of the United States may tax as costs the following:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 28 U.S.C. § 1920 provides:

<sup>(1)</sup> Fees of the clerk and marshal;

<sup>(2)</sup> Fees of the court reporter for all or any part of the stenographic transcript necessarily obtained for use in the case;

<sup>(3)</sup> Fees and disbursements for printing and witnesses;

<sup>(4)</sup> Fees for exemplification and copies of papers necessarily obtained for use in the case;

<sup>(5)</sup> Docket fees under section 1923 of this title;

<sup>(6)</sup> Compensation of court appointed experts, compensation of interpreters, and salaries, fees, expenses, and costs of special interpretation services under section 1828 of this title.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, March 23, 2006.

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HAWAIIAN EXPRESS SERVICE, INC., a California corporation, et al.,	) ) )
Defendants.	) ) ) )
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#### AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN T. KOMEIJI

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JOHN T. KOMEIJI, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

- 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law before all state and federal courts in the State of Hawaii and am one of the attorneys representing Defendant ALIXPARTNERS LLP ("ALIXPARTNERS") in the above-entitled matter.
- 2. I make this Affidavit based upon personal knowledge, and am competent to testify as to all matters stated herein.
- 3. Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 54(d)(1) and (2), LR 54.2 and 54.3 of the Rules of the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii, and 28 U.S.C.

§ 1924, this Affidavit sets forth the costs that were incurred by Watanabe Ing & Komeiji on behalf of ALIXPARTNERS in defending against the claims alleged by Plaintiff WAYNE BERRY in the above-entitled case.

- 4. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a true and accurate copy of the Bill of Costs.
- 5. Attached hereto as Exhibit "B" is a true and accurate copy of the supporting documentation for the costs reflected in the Bill of Costs.
- 6. ALIXPARTNERS incurred recoverable costs totaling \$2,000.01 in defending ALIXPARTNERS in this case, defending ALIXPARTNERS against Plaintiff's summary judgment motion, and in bringing a Countermotion against Plaintiff.
- 7. The costs reflected in the Bill of costs are correctly stated, and based upon my experience, they were necessarily incurred and appear to be allowable by law.
  - 8. The costs incurred defending ALIXPARTNERS include:
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  - (2) Transcripts

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Wayne	Berry	Vol.	2,	5/19/05					\$496.65

- (4) Fees of the Clerk . . . . . . . . . . . . \$225.00

- 8. I have not yet met and conferred with counsel for the Plaintiff in an effort to resolve any disputes about the claimed costs because I have been preparing for and attending a trial on the Island of Hawaii which recessed on March 22, 2006.
- 9. I will make a good faith attempt to meet and confer with counsel for the Plaintiff.

I declare under penalty of law that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

JOHN T. KOMEIJ

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2006.

Notary Public, State of Hawaii

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My Commission Expires: 3 Max

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

## District of Hawaii

Berry

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## **BILL OF COSTS**

Hawaiian Express Service, Inc., et al.

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#### NOTICE

# Section 1924, Title 28, U.S. Code (effective September 1, 1948) provides:

"Sec. 1924. Verification of bill of costs."

"Before any bill of costs is taxed, the party claiming any item of cost or disbursement shall attach thereto an affidavit, made by himself or by his duly authorized attorney or agent having knowledge of the facts, that such item is correct and has been necessarily incurred in the case and that the services for which fees have been charged were actually and necessarily performed."

# See also Section 1920 of Title 28, which reads in part as follows:

"A bill of costs shall be filed in the case and, upon allowance, included in the judgment or decree."

# The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure contain the following provisions: Rule $54\ (d)$

"Except when express provision therefor is made either in a statute of the United States or in these rules, costs shall be allowed as of course to the prevailing party unless the court otherwise directs, but costs against the United States, its officers, and agencies shall be imposed only to the extent permitted by law. Costs may be taxed by the clerk on one day's notice. On motion served within 5 days thereafter, the action of the clerk may be reviewed by the court."

#### Rule 6(e)

"Whenever a party has the right or is required to do some act or take some proceedings within a prescribed period after the service of a notice or other paper upon him and the notice or paper is served upon him by mail, 3 days shall be added to the prescribed period."

#### Rule 58 (In Part)

"Entry of the judgment shall not be delayed for the taxing of costs."

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HAWAIIAN EXPRESS SERVICE, INC., a California corporation, et al.,	) ) Trial Date: January 24, 2006
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